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To the Honorable Speaker and Members, The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 9, Second Substitute House Bill 1050 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the creation of a foster care endowed scholarship program"

This bill and the Board creates scholarships for foster youth. I am vetoing Section 9, however, as it would limit the administrative support for the foster youth scholarship program to one-quarter full-time equivalent employee (FTE). Any money allocated for the foster youth scholarship program should go directly to that purpose. But FTE targets or limitations are properly addressed through the budget process.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 9 of Second Substitute House Bill 1050.

With the exception of sections Section 9, Second Substitute House Bill 1050 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O. Gregoire Governor